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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS SUPPRESSION EQUIPMENT

REF: (A) STATE 117238; (B) STATE 118813

1. FOREIGN MINISTRY (U PYI SOE) TODAY INFORMED US GUB ACCEPTS DRAFT AGREEMENT ON HELICOPTERS (REF A) SUBJECT TO FOLLOWING PROPOSED REVISION OF DRAFT PARA C: QTE THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF BURMA AGREES TO PROVIDE THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NECESSARY INFORMATION ON THE SPECIFIC EFFORTS UNDERTAKEN IN RELATION TO THE PURPOSES AND OBJECTIVES OF THIS AGREEMENT, AS AND WHEN REQUIRED. UNQTE

2. IN CONVERSATION WITH U PYI SOE I NOTED THAT THIS CHANGE APPEARED TO BE VERBAL RATHER THAN SUBSTANTIVE, AND TO LEAVE US WITH GUB ASSURANCE THAT WE WILL BE GIVEN ADEQUATE INFORMATION ON USE OF HELICOPTERS WHENEVER WE NEED OR REQUEST IT. PYI SOE AGREED THAT GUB RECOGNIZES ITS OBLIGATION TO DO SO.

3. EMBASSY STRONGLY RECOMMENDS ACCEPTANCE OF GUB PROPOSED LANGUAGE, SINCE "NECESSARY INFORMATION ...AS AND WHEN REQUIRED" IS IF ANYTHING STRONGER LANGUAGE THAN "QUARTERLY REPORTS."

4. QUESTION REMAINS AS TO NUMBER OF HELICOPTERS TO BE DELIVERED
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IN JULY-DECEMBER 1975 TIME FRAME. WE RECOMMEND THIS NUMBER BE

TWELVE, WHICH APPEARS CONSISTENT WITH FACTORY DELIVERY SCHEDULES AND WHICH WOULD PROVIDE GUB WITH CAPABILITY TO LIFT APPROX ONE (1) RIFLE CO. FOR MAXIMUM EFFECTIVENESS AGAINST TRAFFICKERS, BELIEVE WE SHOULD SEEK TO ATTAIN THIS CAPABILITY AS QUICKLY AS DELIVERY SCHEDULES PERMIT. WE ARE SATISFIED FROM PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS THAT BURMA AIR FORCE HAS CAPABILITY TO ABSOR THIS NUMBER IN THE TIME FRAME ENVISAGED, WHICH ALSO PROVIDES ADEQUATE LEAD TIME FOR PILOT AND MAINTENANCE TRAINING.

5. WE TOOK OCCASION OF MEETING WITH PYI SOE TO INFORM HIM OF PLANS TO STRENGTHEN THAI ANTI-NARCOTIC FCAPABILITY (REF B). IN THIS CONNECTION, WE ARE PREPARED FOR EMBASSY BANGKOK TO BRIEF RTG ON HELICOPTER PACKAGE AT ANY TIME CONVENIENT.
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